(b) Details are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the Scientist	Country visited	Duration of meeting	Purpose
1.	Dr. G.P. Phondke Dr. B.C. Sharma	Singapore	15.8.94 to 17.8.94	For attending First Board Meeting of AHEAD
2.	Dr. G.P. Phondke Dr. B.C. Sharma Shri H.C. Jain	Thailand	15.8.95 to 17.8.95	For attending Second Board Meeting of AHEAD
3.	Dr. G.P. Phondke Dr. B.C. Sharma Shri H.C. Jain	Malaysia	20.7.96 to 21.7.96	For attending Third Board Meeting of AHEAD
4.	Dr. G.P. Phondke	Singapore	02.4.98 to 06.4.98	For attending Fourth Board Meeting of AHEAD

Scientists with Doctoral Degree in NISCOM

3475. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directors appointed during the last three years by the competent authority in various institutes of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, were having essential qualifications for appointment as Group IV Scientists in the same institute, at the time of appointment;

(b) whether any candidate without Doctoral or M.Tech Degree has been appointed as Director of National Institute of Science Communication; and

(c) if so, the number of Scientists, with Doctoral Degree, working in NISCOM, as in October, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The number of Scientists with Doctoral Degree working in NISCOM in October, 2001 was 36.